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BIG MONTH FOR INTENSIFIED

Ever-popular ska/reggae/rocksteady band INTENSIFIED return to the continent for a weekend at the start of July and then play a couple of local festivals in Kent.

The Kent band begin with dates in Belgium and Germany over the weekend of July 7th/8th. The Belgium date is at Hoegaarden (Jeugdhuis 't Paenhuys), while the German dates is in Hannover (Jam City – Maschsee/Sportpark), with THE SELECTER headlining in the tent.

INTENSIFIED then return to play the finale of the Charivari carnival procession at the amphitheatre on the lower Leas in Folkestone between 6pm-9pm on Saturday July 15th, with THE UNCALLED FOUR. They played last year's event which took place in the Leas bandstand.

The next day (Sunday July 16th) INTENSIFIED play outdoors again, this time with their debut appearance at the annual Create Festival at Victoria Park in Ashford.

CREATE FESTIVAL

INTENSIFIED play the Create Festival in Ashford's Victoria Park on Sunday July 16th, along with other bands such as CRUEL 2B KIND.

The free annual festival attracts thousands of people to the park and culminates with a spectacular firework display at 10pm. This year there will also be a dance display depicting the history of the town.

GILLINGHAM PARKLIFE FESTIVAL

The fifth Parklife Festival takes place at Gillingham Park in the town's Coventry Street on Saturday July 8th between 11.30am-10.30pm. The festival regularly attracts a huge turn out and is always one of the best days out of the year in the county. Admission is once again free.

See overleaf for the full running order at Parklife which this year sees appearances on the two stages from the likes of SEAFOOD, LICK, FIVE-LEGGED HORSE, A BAND CALLED SUN, ORPHEUS 2, L' DOPA, GLAM R US, GURUS OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, THE ERICS and MANDEVA on the two stages. TRENTTOWN EXPERIENCE headline the Main Stage this year.

Local heroes THE JAMES TAYLOR QUARTET have twice headlined Parklife in the past, with MY LIFE STORY (1997) and PLATINUM ABBA (1998) the other previous headliners since it started.

For further details about this year's Parklife visit the MM2K website at www.mm2k.org.uk.

LIVE MUSIC BACK AT GEE'S

Gigs return to Gee's in Sandgate on Thursday nights, starting with SUNFLY on July 6th when there is a BBQ and a Happy Hour between 7pm-8pm. INDIGO SEAL are next on Thursday July 13th, followed by 80s disco band PARK AVENUE on Thursday July 20th and BEAMER on Thursday July 27th.

JO HOOK is due to kick things off in August with her band on Thursday 3rd (t.b.c) and then PEPPERFISH perform as a band on Thursday August 10th with songs from their forthcoming debut album, supported by CROY.

Gee's is on the main road between Folkestone and Hythe, next door to the Royal Norfolk Hotel, opposite the new Saga building.

GENE AT THE FORUM

The Forum in Tunbridge Wells excels its own record for getting top acts this summer when GENE become the latest band to decide to use the venue for an exclusive show. The group, who are one of the biggest live acts in the UK, will play at the purpose-built venue on Thursday July 6th.

First coming to the public's attention with their top 20 debut single "For The Dead", GENE have built on one of the most fervent fan bases in the country, with a run of Top 20 singles and Top 5 albums, including the platinum selling "Drawn Towards The Deep End".

The band's normally play at bigger, sold venues such as the Brixton Academy and Astoria in London, but wanted an intimate warm up at a small live venue. They then jet off to New York for two sold out shows which will be webcast around the globe. The band are attracting rave reviews in the States and recently performed a string of gigs across America culminating in three sold out nights at the legendary Whisky a Go Go.

Tickets are on sale from Longplayer and Criminal Records in Tunbridge Wells or by phone on 01892 530411.

Further info on GENE is available from their website at www.genenet.co.uk or you can view one of their American shows at www.gigsonline.com.

NEW MODEL ARMY played a secret gig at the Forum at the end of June under the name RAW MELODY MEN.

YE WILES LONDON DEBUT

Tunbridge Wells' young ska-punk band YE WILES make their London debut when they play the Camden Underworld as part of a ska-punk all-dayer on Saturday July 15th. Norwich urchins GOOBER PATROL headline the bash.

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